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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing because I would like to see the Justice Department settle its antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. Microsoft's success and size has helped the industry standardize, work together efficiently, and grow rapidly. Any further litigation that may call for a breakup of the company is bad for both Microsoft and the computing industry as a whole.

The settlement agreed upon is reasonable. Among other things, disclosing internal coding to competitors will allow those companies to write programs that better integrate with Windows.

A key goal in the litigation was to foster more competition to Microsoft in the industry. Given the increased competition that is sure to arise once Microsoft's concessions take effect, I urge you to settle the case.

Sincerely,

John Morotti